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SANTA CLAUS' DELIGHT

THE BEAUTIFUL CANTATA GIVEN ON FRIDAY NIGHT.

The Methodist Sunday School gave their Christmas Entertainment at the Opera House—Refreshments after the Performance.

The Christmas Cantata, "Santa Claus' Delight," given by the M. E. Sunday School on Friday night of last week, was a success in every way. The whole programme was pleasing, and the different parts were well taken. There were various characters represented, whose counterpart may be found in every church circle. First, there were the bright expectant children, anticipating the visit of Santa Claus, and the promised treat to the school. Then there was little Miss "Good Cheer" who was represented by Miss Belle Wainwright, her bright words and sweet songs were in great contrast to the complaints of three "Grumbler," who were represented by Miss Helen Price, Sallie Jolls and Hattie Barnard, and for such amiable young girls, they played the roles well. Miss Bessie Dodd acted well the part of the girl who could not come to Sunday school because "they was so poor." Other prominent parts were the "Newspaper" which John Parvis took well, and the "Bootblack" by Albert Cavender, who, as usual, excelled. His skeptical views in regard to Santa Claus could not be wondered at, when he said that Christmas came to every boy but him. But his song was merry and bright, in spite of his many trials, and he received hearty applause from the audience. Little "Tot," Grace Parvis was deeply interested in what old Santa would do if he sawed very hard, and her queries as to how he would get along with his reindeer and sleigh, if there should be no snow, are as yet unanswered. The "Happy little family of Brownies" caused much merriment. These elves of the forest were represented by six small boys, Horace Moore, Elwood Brown, John Lewis, John Stewart, James Dawson and Julius Hawkins, and, being dressed in costumes, presented a laughable and grotesque appearance. Their mission in life to drive away care, and bring mirth and good cheer, and on this occasion they performed their mission right well. The refrain of their little song is a good motto for folks to take as well as for the little people. They sang of their life "in the forest trees," and of how they swing in the summer breeze, but best of all they "never fret and never cry." Other solo parts that were specially worthy of mention were by Susie Parker, Charlie Talbot, Ada Roberts and others of the "Wonder Circle." Mr. A. G. Cox as the kind superintendent, proved himself a model and did not have to assume the role to do it.

After the various factions of the school were heard from, old Santa Claus himself appeared on the scene, laden with a bountiful store, and found his greatest delight in bestowing his gifts upon all, old and young, rich and poor; even the newspaper and boot-black came in for a share, and the grumblers were not forgotten. The music throughout was very good, the orchestra, with Dr. H. L. Clayton as pianist adding much to the attraction. After the programme the school was invited to a large upper room which by the courtesy of the G. A. R. was opened to them, and the teachers and officers had a bountiful repast prepared, which all enjoyed. It was no small task to serve so many, and when all was over there were a few, doubtless, who breathed a sigh of relief.

OUR MAIL BAG.

Words of Praise for the "Transcript." Bright Prospects for Our Merchants.

EDITOR OF THE TRANSCRIPT:—I beg to congratulate you on the excellence of your newspaper. The quality of the paper, the type, the matter, and the printing, make it second to no paper outside of Philadelphia, and it cannot but commend itself to the intelligent people of the State.

It must be a pleasure to you to be able to inform the public of the unusually large amount of business done by the stores this Christmas, showing that money is not so scarce as some have supposed.

It is also stated that the local banks have a very large amount of money as deposits. This is very encouraging, and some bills, &c., which have long been overdue, will now be easily collected to the joy of the storekeepers; and our churches will be properly supported by the prompt payment of salaries and pew rents, and by enlarged free-will offerings; and our reading rooms and libraries supplied with the best books and periodicals, and the New Year be one of gladness, and stimulus, and hope. Let all try to make it so.

Yours Respectfully,

N. SLEEPER.

Sold His Stock. Mr. R. S. Griffith, living near Sasfras, intending to discontinue farming, sold his stock and farming implements at public sale on Thursday last. J. Ford Calkie held the sale and secured first rate prices, horses selling for from \$55 to \$150 and cows from \$25 to \$60. Mr. Harry Griffith will carry on the farm.

A. M. Chamberlain, the druggist, claims to have the finest and best article ever used by ladies for cleaning kid gloves. It is not a liquid; it is easily used, and works like a charm.

THE COMING CONFERENCE.

Initiatory Steps Taken and a Program of Prayer—The coming conference will be held on Friday night of last week.

During the present week there have been some initiatory steps taken looking to the entertainment of the ministerial conference, which will open here March 15. A great deal of interest is manifested, especially in the Methodist circles, and no pains will be spared to make a favorable impression upon those to whom our hospitality will be extended. There will be both laymen and ministers from all parts of the Peninsula, and homes for about two hundred guests will be needed for one week. While some may apprehend difficulties, there is little reason to fear any trouble for lack of hospitality. Ten years ago the conference was entertained here in such manner as to be a credit to the whole town, for the homes of members of other denominations besides Methodists, were generously opened, and the occasion was one which all remember with pleasure. The same careful management which has been so successful then, may have a like result this year. The committee appointed at the last conference has been in correspondence with the Secretaries of the Union Boards, and the following programme has been arranged for the anniversary services: Educational Society, Tuesday evening March 14th; Church Extension Society, Wednesday evening; Missionary Society, Thursday evening; Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Friday afternoon; Epworth League, Friday evening; Woman's Home Missionary Society, Friday afternoon; Freeman's Aid and Southern Educational Society, Saturday evening; Conference Historical Society, Saturday afternoon; The Veterans' Society, Sunday evening; Memorial Service, Monday afternoon; Sunday School Union, Monday evening.

DROWNING ACCIDENT.

The Sad Ending of a Schoolboy's Skating.

Garfield Hodgson, the 11-year-old son of Jonathan Hodgson, near Sasfras, was drowned on Wednesday morning while on his way to school. The mill-pond lay between his home and the school house, and he thought to make a quick passage by skating across the pond, and started off in high spirits, his lunch basket on his arm, his book satchel over his shoulder. But ere he knew that danger was near, he was in the place where ice had been out the day before, and though new ice had formed it was not thick enough to bear his weight, and within sight of men on the shore who were powerless to aid him, he went to the bottom, where he stuck fast in the mud. He was under water not longer than fifteen minutes, and though every effort was made to resuscitate him, life was already extinct when he was raised to the surface by means of an ice-hook, which he fastened to the lapel of his coat. He was a bright, promising lad, and a great deal of sympathy is felt for his parents in their bereavement. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon from the residence of his parents. Interment in Forest cemetery.

CHURCH NOTES.

There are extra meetings being held in the various churches throughout the Peninsula. Those at the New Castle and Port Deposit are well attended, and the outlook is for much good being accomplished.

The services in the Presbyterian Church during the past week—the week of prayer—have been very spiritual and helpful to those who have attended them. The pastor, Rev. F. H. Moore, has shown the greatest interest in building up a vigorous, spiritual people, and his efforts cannot fail to bring a harvest of good results.

The special services in the M. E. Church which began on Sunday night, have been well attended, and a good deal of interest is manifested. A revival of religion in the hearts of the people is the object of these meetings, and the pastor, Rev. N. M. Browne, is much encouraged in his work. The meetings will continue next week.

Volunteer Hose Company's Election.

At the annual meeting of the Volunteer Hose Company held January 6, 1893, the following officers were elected: President, William Taylor; 1st Vice-President, E. S. Jones; 2d Vice-President, J. A. Snydman; Secretary, Jos. C. Jolls; Treasurer, M. Kumpel, Jr.; Trustees, John W. Jolls, E. S. Jones and W. T. Connelley; Foreman, J. A. Snydman; 1st Assistant Foreman, Jos. W. Gary; 2d Assistant Foreman, C. M. Stanger; Pipemen, John T. Gears, William Kates, Samuel F. Warren, John R. Brown, H. E. Gears and J. W. Dickinson.

Farm Sold.

John P. Hudson has sold his farm half mile west of Clay's, to J. C. Bowers for \$10,000. Mr. Hudson bought his farm of Mr. Bowers two or three years ago, moving to Kansas, where he resided until the present. The last five years were not profitable out there, and he returned east for a permanent home. He took possession the next day.

Advertised Letters.

List of unclaimed letters at the post office, Middletown, Delaware, for the week ending Dec. 29, 1892: Miss Sallie Hostetter, Miss Sarah Elizabeth Blackash, Miss Sallie Brady, O. Cameron, Miss Annie Ford, Scot Lee, Miss Clara Porter, John C. Price, J. W. Porter (2), Wilber Waters, Mrs. H. S. Williams.

THE OLD AND THE NEW.

THE OLD LEVY COURT WINDS UP ITS AFFAIRS.

The County Commissioners Organize and Make Their Appearances. No Provision Made for the Payment of Election Officers.

The old Levy Court wound up its affairs at Wilmington on Monday, and the reins of government is now in the hands of the County Commissioners. The last act of the old court was a pleasant exchange of compliments among the members and the passing of various resolutions.

To show their appreciation of chairman Buckingham, the members presented him with a handsome gold-headed cane. Mr. Grubb made the presentation, saying as he handed it to Mr. Buckingham:

"Mr. Chairman, you have been chairman for two years, and you have always presided impartially, and as a token of the appreciation of the members I present you this cane. It may help you in your old age."

In accepting it, the recipient referred briefly to the pleasant relations existing between the different members.

Each member had his little piece to say and Mr. John W. Jolls started the ball rolling by saying:

"There is something that I desire to say before this body goes out of existence. I came into this court with some mistaken ideas. I have found that as a general rule public officers are honest. One of the first acts of this court was to pass a resolution to investigate the methods of the old Levy Court. I was made chairman of that committee. We went to the expense of some \$300 and we concluded, and our attorney will bear me out, that the end would not justify the means. The committee have never reported, but we found nothing that would in the least lower my respect and regard for any member of that old Levy Court. The old system of book-keeping in this county was poor, and some things may have been done loosely, but under the new system this can be avoided."

Mr. Grubb, who was the chairman of the old Levy Court, said that it pleased him to hear Mr. Jolls make the statement which he did in regard to the investigation, as he had been chairman of the old Levy Court. He would rather die in the almshouse than to go out of public office branded as a thief. He moved that Mr. Jolls' remarks be spread on the minutes, which was ordered.

Mr. Clark extended his thanks to all the members for their kindness and courtesy to him, and Messrs. Simpler, Gillis, Sutton, Killgore, Eliason and Hutchinson did the same.

Thanks were extended to Comptroller Staats, Chairman Buckingham, Mr. Jolls, Clerk of the Peace Biggs, Clerk Nicholson, Receiver of Taxes Dickey, Deputy Clerks of the Peace Eliason and Janvier and all the Court House officers.

Edward G. Bradford, Counsel for the Levy Court, was present and was unanimously invited to speak.

"To-day," he said, the present Levy Court closes its official career and a new order of things begins. It is hoped by all that the new plan will be to the advantage of the citizens. He thanked the members for their uniform courtesy to him and said that no matter what may have been the question, financial, political or otherwise, has there ever been hard feelings between the counsel of the Levy Court and any of its members.

In the past two years there has been great political agitation. It is right and well in a free government for honest difference of opinion to exist. Questions which had a political bearing came before the court, and as expected, the same honest difference of opinion existed, and though some of the members of the court differed with the speaker, none of them had ever doubted the sincerity of his advice and his conviction.

If he had failed in practical results he had done what he believed was his duty, and he was glad that no member had ever doubted his honesty of purpose. Personally his relations with the members had been pleasant, and he wished them a happy new year and bade them farewell."

The new Commissioners met on Friday and organized by electing W. A. Scott, of Townsend, presiding officer, and Lawyer John H. Rodney was chosen as their attorney.

The members of the new court are: H. Lewis Armstrong, Henry M. White, John J. Mealey John J. Gallagher and W. A. Scott.

It is Larceny.

Some years ago, says an exchange, an Illinois editor tested the virtue of the postal law making it larceny for a person to take a newspaper and not pay for it. He obtained judgment against each delinquent subscriber for the full amount of his claim. About half of them came up and made oath that they had no more property than the law allowed them exemption upon, whereupon this plucky editor had these fellows arrested and sent to jail for larceny.

The Creamery Convention.

Each Creamery on the Peninsula is invited to send one or more delegates to the creamery convention to be held at Smyrna on January 12, 1893, at 1 o'clock p. m. The purpose of the meeting is to form a Peninsula Association for the mutual benefit and protection of the creameries.

ZIMMERMAN'S PRIZES.

Remarkable Record of the Champion and Other Crack Cyclists.

Computing the winnings of the foremost of the bicycle cracks during the past season affords an interesting comparison of the relative ability of the several men. Zimmerman, of course, stands at the head of the list, and the wide gap of forty-three first prizes between the first and second best men shows how easily is the Jerseyman the peer of the American path, and indeed of both hemispheres, as few if any foreigners can show a larger list of winnings than those of Taylor or Berio. This is the table in full:—

	1st	2nd	3rd
A. A. Zimmerman, N. Y. A. C.	66	8	5
George F. Taylor, M. A. C.	23	16	12
F. J. Berio, M. A. C.	23	14	10
W. W. Taylor, N. Y. A. C.	22	22	13
H. C. Tyler, N. Y. A. C.	21	20	4
George A. Barker, M. A. C.	18	13	8
Harry Wheeler, M. A. C.	14	11	7
W. S. Campbell, M. A. C.	11	7	3
C. Murphy, N. Y. A. C.	10	9	8
Carl Hess, M. A. C.	6	9	7
W. Murphy, N. Y. A. C.	1	10	1
E. A. McDuffee, M. A. C.	5	6	7
W. W. Taylor, N. Y. A. C.	5	7	1
H. B. Arnold, M. A. C.	2	1	3

GRAND AND PETIT JURORS.

Drawn for the January Term of United States District Court.

The following grand and petit jurors from this county have been drawn for the January term of court which convenes Tuesday next, January 10th.

GRAND JURY.

Wilmington, William Huber, Jr., John H. Bowman, William J. Hall, Daniel W. Mullin, James H. Hiteh, James Wainwright, St. Georges, Jonathan W. Leatherbury, Red Lion, James B. Clark, Blackbird, Samuel Derrickson; Appoquinimink, Clarence D. Staats; Mill Creek, Lemuel Graves, Bernard Duross, Edmund J. Gregg.

PETIT JURORS.

Wilmington, Alton C. Pyle, William S. Lednum, Ferdinand Cheairs, Jos. Callahan, Thomas Holt, Frank Corbett, Francis H. McCannell, Harrison B. Vandegrift, Samuel R. Ball; Brandywine, John S. Beeson, Alfred D. Bird; White Clay, Robert Armstrong; William McBride, Theodore F. Armstrong, David Choate, James George; New Castle, Henry M. White, Red Lion, Aquila Thomas; St. Georges, Alexander Mitten, J. T. Le Compt; Appoquinimink, George L. Townsend.

The Wandering Gypsy.

There is a Gypsy encampment in the Warwick woods, and every day there are some of their representatives in town trading at the stores, and beseeching the curious to have their "fortunes told." The fantastic attire of the women, and their plaintive manner and tone, can but attract attention. These nomadic tribes have many interesting traits, and while their habits of life are incomprehensible to many, anyone who has read the story of the "Little Minister," in which the heroine is a gypsy girl, can readily understand the force of the saying: "Once a Gypsy, Always a Gypsy." They are shrewd students of human nature, have a ready insight into character, and are sometimes able to read a life as from a written page.

The Snow Has Come.

Skating, which been so much enjoyed of late, will now give place to sleighing. The snow began to fall on Thursday and continued all night and much of the day yesterday; a regular nor'easter. The ground was already frozen, and as a colder wave is announced to follow, there is every indication of a fine season for sleighing. The merry jingle of the sleigh bells already is heard on the streets, and the young folks especially are happy in this delightful winter pastime.

G. A. R. Installation.

The following officers of Major John Jones, Post, G. A. R., were installed last night: J. C. Wilson, P. C.; W. L. Stuart, S. V. C.; George Echenhofer, J. V. C.; A. S. Naudain, Adj. T.; J. B. Deakyn, Q. M.; Dr. R. B. McKee, Surgeon; D. Dunning, Chaplain; O. M. Sanger, O. D.; J. L. Wilson, O. G.; J. W. Jolls, Quartermaster sergeant. After the installation the boys enjoyed their annual feed, while songs were sang, anecdotes related and speeches made.

To the Farmers and Public Generally.

I take this opportunity of informing my friends that I have associated myself with Messrs Davis Bros., South Broad street, dealers in carriages, seeds, implements and farmers supplies generally, where I will be found at all times ready and willing to be at your service. Thanking you for past favors, and soliciting a continuance of same, I am Very truly, Jan. 4, '93. ALBERT PRICE.

Legs and Feet Frozen.

Jim Black, a negro residing on Bohemia Manor, while intoxicated on Wednesday night, fell asleep in the woods on the way home from Chesapeake City, and was nearly frozen to death when found by some other man, who conducted him to a farm house, where his feet and legs were found to be badly frozen.

Remnants.

After thoroughly going through our stock of Dress Goods, we find a large number of Remnants from 1 to 6 yards long, which we have now placed on our tables at prices which will surely sell them. Those coming early will get the best.

S. M. REYNOLDS & CO.

Horticulturists to Meet. The Peninsula Horticulturist Society will hold its six annual meeting in the Opera House on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday next. A lengthy programme has been prepared, and many prominent men will discuss plan diseases.

THE WEEK IN SOCIETY.

PLEASANT EVENTS THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE AROUND US.

The B. M. S. K. of Smyrna held a Reception at Miss Nan Hoffecker's—Dance at Chesapeake City and Smyrna.

One of the pleasant social events of the season was the third annual reception of that popular ladies' society, the B. M. S. K. of Smyrna, which was held at the residence of Miss Nan Hoffecker, on Tuesday evening last. More than 200 persons were in attendance and greatly enjoyed the hospitalities of this fair hostess. During the evening vocal music was rendered by Misses Nettie Tschudy, Rena Williams, Maie Farrell, Edith Collins, Nora Cotton, Beulah Jefferson, Bertha Hoffecker, Mabel Thompson, Mrs. Yocum, Miss Etzel Cooper, Miss Carrie Hoffecker, of Wilmington, and C. Virgil Gordon. Among the guests present were:

Miss F. Estelle Waters, Miss Annie McKinney, Miss Fanny C. Higby, Miss Elizabeth R. Mallory, J. Gordon Crawford, E. G. Budd, John E. Chatham, G. Davis Brown, Philadelphia; Miss Anna M. Chambers, Miss Carrie Hoffecker, Joseph B. Simmons, Wilmington; Miss Kate Hannan, Miss Emily M. Pratt, W. J. Haman, C. W. Black, W. H. Miller, Dover; Miss Hallie M. Choate, Mrs. L. Irving Handy, A. H. Raub, Newark; Miss Daisy Dorman, Miss Lulu S. Reedy, Miss Anna Postles, Milford; Miss Mame Clifton, Miss Mable B. Connor, Felton; Miss Clara S. Borough, Miss Nellie J. Collins, H. D. Taylor, Camden, N. J.; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph A. Frost, Brooklyn; Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Wharton, Magnolia; Miss Louise V. Oldham, South Carolina; Miss Claire T. Cooper, Kenton; Miss Lizzie Wilson, Milport; John J. Hoffecker, Middletown; Samuel G. Pratt, Pittsburg; Miss Martilla Evans, Georgetown; Harlan L. Wallace, Seaford; Miss Hattie W. Townsend, Kembleville, Pa.; H. G. Bard, Boston; Miss Kate K. Budd, Cecilton; Miss Addie Davis, Mt. Pleasant; Mrs. Dr. Cahall, Frederica.

Hop at Chesapeake City.

The ball given by the young men of Chesapeake City on Friday evening of last week was a brilliant affair, and was greatly enjoyed by all present. The Middletown orchestra furnished the music for the occasion and many of our young society people enjoyed the dancing. The guests numbered: Misses Blanche Cochran, blue silk; Edna Frazier, green silk; Edith Derickson, ashes of roses and lace, and Mrs. Cuthbert Green, of Middletown, yellow satin and lace; Miss Julia Clarke, of Delaware City, pink mull and ribbons; Misses Elsie Karner, black net with yellow ribbons; Sallie Barwick, blue net; Mary Ellison, white silk; Carrie Brady, black silk with red ribbons; Alma Bouchelle, light blue crepe; Ella Conroy, yellow silk; Bessie Conroy, white silk; Nellie Boulden, red cashmere, with black ribbons; Daisy Jones, ecru lalande and chiffon; Alice Boulden, black silk and lace; Mary Vansant, pink unsweiling and ribbons; Emma Reed, green serge; Ruby Hooge, black silk; and Mrs. Dr. Karner, Mrs. G. M. Massey, Miss Annie Howard, Misses Kate Ferguson, Elva Griffith and Miss Hanson of Baltimore. Messrs. H. D. Litzberg and Alex. Reynolds from Elkton; Fred and Willie Brady, Clarence Clayton W. R. Reynolds and C. Green from Middletown; Howard Poole and J. B. Rothwell from McDonough; Carl Townsend, from Delaware City; Bennett Steele, F. J. Conroy, H. Smithers, Frank Vansant, Harry Jones, H. H. Brady, Jr., Ralph Reese, Harry, Frank and William Howard, Julius Clayton, Caleb Price, H. Bouchelle, G. O. Massey, B. Bouchelle and John Banks.

The Smyrna Dance.

Last Monday evening a large party of our young folks attended a dance given by the gentlemen of Smyrna. The affair was most enjoyable and those having it in charge deserve great credit for the manner in which it was conducted. Those present from this vicinity were as follows: Mrs. A. M. Brown, Mrs. J. B. Maxwell, Miss Mabelle Parvis, Edith Reynolds, Edith Derickson, Edna Frazier, Mary P. Cochran, Mary Ellison and Blanche Cochran. Messrs. Frank and Howard Poole, William Brady, T. Conroy, W. R. Reynolds, Robert Davis, Robert Cochran, Wilson Cochran, W. C. Drein, Gray Taylor, Fred Crouch, J. B. Maxwell and A. M. Brown. The party was properly chaperoned by Mrs. A. M. Brown.

The only accident which occurred to mar the pleasure of the party was the breaking down of one of the busses while on its way to Clayton, there was a general mixture of silk, satin, kid slippers, broken glass and bass viol. The ladies were attired charmingly, there being almost an entire absence of those horridly horrid decolette costumes.

"And if you would copy the swells of the day and rank as a modest young maiden; I pray you will never show your garments in decolette. For they never do that in society."

Election of Officers.

New Castle County Bar Association has elected these officers for the ensuing year: President, John Biggs; Vice-President, Willard Salsbury; Secretary and Treasurer, H. H. Ward.

A WHEELING WEDDING.

Dr. Edmund Gibbs Joins the Army of Benedicts.

Miss Lulu Grace Hildreth, niece of Mrs. Samuel P. Hildreth, of Wheeling, W. Va., and Dr. Edmund Cantwell Gibbs, of Baltimore, a brother of Mr. Joseph S. Gibbs, of Wheeling, and Mr. Isaac Gibbs, of near Sasfras, were married on Wednesday in St. Luke's Protestant Episcopal Church, in Wheeling. The edifice was prettily decorated for the occasion and was well filled with the friends of the happy couple.

Messrs. Joshua Buckley, William Stevens, Wheeler Bachman and William Miller were the ushers. The bride party entered the church at 4 o'clock to the music of a wedding march, the bride with her aunt, Mrs. Hildreth, and the groom with his best man, Mr. Frank P. Berry.

The bride was attired in a cream bengaline gown, trimmed with Irish point lace. She wore a white hat, trimmed with ostrich feathers.

At the chancel the party were met by the Rev. Jacob Brittingham, rector of St. Luke's, who performed the ceremony. Mrs. Hildreth gave the bride away.

At the close of the ceremony the party were driven to the bride's home, on Zane Street, where a brief reception was held and many congratulations were given.

At 6 o'clock Dr. and Mrs. Gibbs left over the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad and will take up their residence in Baltimore.

MEETING OF LAWYERS.

To Consider the Question of Certain State Legislation. A meeting of the lawyers of the State was held in the court house at Wilmington on Wednesday evening, when the members considered what measures they should prepare for submission to the Legislature in order to improve or relieve the present status of judicial question and amend certain laws as the profession in this estimation deem necessary. The laws of Kent and Sussex were invited to meet with the New Castle lawyers. A general discussion was held over the question of the judiciary, looking towards a settlement of the matter. The sentiment was in approval of the bill proposed at the last session to retire judges when they become 70 years of age, and have served 10 years. This amendment is favored in the message of Governor Reynolds. The retiring law is similar to the provisions fixed by United States statute as affecting the Supreme Court and all United States judges. The meeting also desired a law limiting the time of lien of judgments, and a law authorizing the publication of the State law reports. In regard to the latter matter it is stated that no case decided within the last two years has been reported.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Miss Emma Clark visited friends in Elkton last week. Mr. John J. Hoffecker visited Smyrna friends last week. Miss Addie Hazzard returned from New Castle on Tuesday. Miss Mabel Taylor has been visiting Miss Ella Jones at Dover. Mrs. Edwin Prettyman is spending a few days in Philadelphia. Mrs. V. L. Culbertson and daughters returned home on Tuesday. Miss Edna Frazier visited Miss Elsie Karner in Chesapeake City last week. Miss Allee McKee returned to the Peabody Institute in Baltimore on Monday. Mrs. W. B. Sharp returned on Tuesday from a holiday visit to friends in North Carolina. Miss Mary Anderson returned on Tuesday from a pleasant visit to friends in York, Pa. Miss Ethel Parvis and Miss Ada Cochran left on Wednesday for their respective boarding schools. Miss Kate Morris who has been visiting the family of J. L. Vandyk at Wilmington has returned home. Mr. Lindsay Cochran has recently secured a position in New York city, and left home for his new field this week. Dr. J. L. Stites of Chatanooga, Tenn., is spending some time at the home here recuperating from the effects of the fever from which he was so ill some time ago. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Barnett, Mrs. T. H. Armstrong and Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Collins were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Jones in Philadelphia, on New Year's day.

Thomas Kibler, who for several years was a student in the Middletown schools, recently returned from Harrisburg, Pa., where he had been spending several months, and is now at his home near St. Augustine.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Corson left town on Wednesday, for their home in Toronto, after a pleasant visit with friends and relatives here. They were accompanied by Mr. W. S. Moore, who will spend the winter in Ontario.

Middletown property is still changing hands. Another desirable home has a new owner. Mr. George E. Ennis has recently purchased from Mr. A. P. Crockett, the house on North Broad street formerly occupied by Mr. H. C. Jones.

J. Frank McWhorter received his tax duplicates on Monday and will proceed at once to collect the delinquent taxes for St. Georges Hundred.

THE RURAL DISTRICTS.

TRANSCRIPT PENCILINGS BY OUR CORRESPONDENTS.

Interesting Incidents of the Happenings and Every Day Events Among our Neighbors.

ODESSA. Roy Roberts is a guest of Philadelphia friends.

Miss Ollie Paynter, of St. George's is visiting in town.

Miss Anna Morgan is spending the week with her sister in New Castle.

Mrs. Jennie Foster, of Salem, N. J., is the guest of the Misses Lloyd.

Mrs. William Eckles, son and daughter visited Edgemoor relatives this week.

Mr. Alvan Spicer is very seriously ill with typhoid pneumonia, and hopes of his recovery are doubtful.

Mr. L. V. April, Jr., and family are the guests of Miss Mary Williams at Germantown, Pa., this week.

Miss Katy Benjamin, of Atlantic City, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. H. B. Rhoads, returned home on Tuesday.

Miss Alice Croft, of Philadelphia, who has been spending the holidays with her parents, returned home on Wednesday.

The young ladies and gentlemen are taking advantage of the moonlight nights to enjoy the excellent skating on the ice pond.

Gertrude, aged 5 years, daughter of Geo. and Rebecca Kumpel, died on Saturday, and was buried on Monday in the M. E. Cemetery.

The annual meeting of the Centwell Mutual Insurance Company was held at hotel of Charles W. Lloyd, on Monday, when seven directors were elected to serve the ensuing year. They paid a dividend of ten per cent. out of the surplus fund on all balances standing to the credit of members. The old officers were re-elected. Secretary Brown having served in that capacity for 20 years.

The sad death of Miss Hattie Hallman, which occurred Tuesday morning, was a great shock to her family and many friends. For three weeks she suffered with typhoid fever, and when the crisis was reached on Monday, the change was for the worse, and about 3 o'clock Tuesday morning she passed away. She was well-known in this neighborhood, having spent all her life in Odessa, and had been a member of the M. E. Church for many years. The funeral, took place from her home Thursday afternoon, and was well attended. Rev. H. S. Thompson officiated, and spoke in touching terms of her past life. The floral tributes were handsome. A pillow with the words "At Rest" on it, the gift of the St. Paul's M. E. Sunday School, of which she was a member, rested at her head, and a handsome wreath of roses from the members of her Sunday school class, also a miniature sheaf of wheat from Mrs. Frank Tyson, rested at the foot of the coffin. The interment was at the M. E. Cemetery.

DELAWARE CITY.

Mrs. H. E. Heal is visiting friends in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Fanny Cheairs, of Wilson College, Chambersburg, Pa., returned Monday.

The public schools reopened Tuesday last, after being closed since Dec. 23d.

Miss Roberts, who is attending school in New Jersey, returned last Monday morning.

Woodland Cheairs, Esq., of Philadelphia, spent New Year's Day with his father at his home near town.

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Many events have crowded them-
selves into the new year that will have
special interest to Americans, among
them the one of the greatest signifi-
cance will be the change of adminis-
tration in the government. It is expected
to be productive of the most moment-
ous results, and the inauguration of
President Cleveland on the 4th of March
next, will be a red-letter day in the
annals of the Democratic party, as not
only a change of men will be made, but
also a change of measures. The mea-
sures especially must be radically
changed to conform with the pledges
made by the Democrats last fall, and
unless this is done the people whose
votes secured a Democratic President
and a Democratic Congress, will be
greatly disappointed. On every oc-
casion President-elect Cleveland has
been very firm in advocating a strict ad-
herence to and fulfillment of the party
pledges made before the election. He
realizes that it is under these pledges
his election was effected, and that the
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ter element of the Democratic party
Mr. Cleveland must bow, and this ele-
ment is composed of the honest and
conscientious men of the party whose
words are their bonds. That other ele-
ment, the men who are in politics for
just what there is in it, may see things
in a different light and attempt to pre-
suate the carrying out of the Presi-
dent's plans, thus creating a crash be-
tween the elements. This latter ele-
ment is composed of those who worked
to break down Cleveland's force at the
Chicago Convention, and while they
have accepted the defeat to which they
were subjected, it is not to be imagined
that they will be in accord with any
policy of Mr. Cleveland that will tend
to the fulfillment of the pledges of the
Democratic party made last fall.

There is still that other great event
to which the American people are
pointing with pride, and that is the
Columbian Exposition which will open
in June of this year, and while it may
be the occasion for the assembling of
all nations at our doors, there appears
to be a reason to regret that it should
be so. The cholera scourge, which
depopulated so many towns in the
old world, and was only kept from giving
entrance into this country by the ex-
treme care that was taken in quaran-
tining vessels before they were allowed
to enter our ports, can, through the
means which will be used for bringing
passengers to our shores, have easy ac-
cess, and is the one drawback to the
enjoyment to which we look forward to
this exposition. The government is,
however, inclined to use a little care in
the matter, and if the suggestions made
by President Harrison are but carried
out, it will in a sense ally the danger.
It would be well that some legislation
be enacted to this end by Congress, and
not delay the matter until the dread
cholera has reached our shores.

A QUARTER OF A CENTURY.

The TRANSCRIPT opens a new page
in its history to-day, beginning with
volume XXVI. The quarter century
of its life embraces the most eventful
period of the world's history. The
great changes that have marked the
periods of past ages have come so
gradually as to scarcely be noticed, un-
til their influences have been traced
through succeeding ages. But the
changes of the later years have come so
swiftly as to almost be revolutionary.
Modern inventions and scientific dis-
coveries have literally transformed so-
ciety. We are specially interested in
those that affect us, for Middletown
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civilization. When the TRANSCRIPT
first made its appearance from the little
upper room over Mr. Dunning's store
where it had its birth, Middletown was
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Since then, our prettiest streets have
been laid out and built up. Cass,
Green, Crawford, Cochran and South
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The Opera House, Cochran Square
and about all the store buildings ex-
cept Bragdon's and Pennington Cor-
ners, have been erected since then, as
have also nearly all the handsome resi-
dences in town. The Episcopal and
Catholic churches have been built and
Methodist and Presbyterian churches
enlarged and remodeled. The streets of
to-day, in contrast of those of twenty-
five years ago are suggestive of the
beautiful Appian Way. The Water
Supply, Electric Light and Hose Com-
pany, are among the recent develop-
ments. Looking back over the two-
and-a-half decades, we are surprised to
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provements. Probably the greatest
change of all is that which has come
to the TRANSCRIPT itself, for it has
recently experienced a change of heart,
so to speak, and has resolved, hence-
forth, to live upon a higher, better,
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through South Bend, Ind., to Chicago,
with branch lines to Cleveland, Akron
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extension of the Long Distance Tele-
phone Company's system, which op-
erates between the principal cities on the
Atlantic seaboard from Portland,
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THE VANITY OF AMBITION.

SPRINGER WILL NOT FIGURE IN
THE WAYS AND MEANS
COMMITTEE.

Cleveland Asks for His Seal, and
Crisp Will Give It up—How a Man
Without Brains Succeeded
in Deluding the Speaker

—Senator Allison in
Washington.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, JAN. 4, 1893.

R-representative Springer, of Illinois,
is usually what might be called a mild-
mannered sort of a man, but his fire
can be aroused; in fact it has been
aroused and he is now as angry a fel-
low as any one would care to see. He
has been "skunked" in the game of
politics, and he believes that a "cold
deck" was used against him. Spring-
er is ambitious—those who do not ad-
mire him say far beyond his abilities.
Be that as it may, everybody in Con-
gress knows that Springer is ambitious.
It will not be forgotten that he was a
candidate before the Democratic cau-
cus of the present House for Speaker,
and that at an opportune moment he
threw the few votes he controlled to
Crisp, and the result was Crisp's nomi-
nation and election. Another result
that Crisp was so grateful that he
made Springer chairman of what is al-
ways, when in competent hands, the
most prominent as well as important
committee of the House—Ways and
Means—notwithstanding earnest pro-
tests against such action from Demo-
crats who had years ago sized up
Springer's brain power.

As Chairman of the Ways and Means
Committee Mr. Springer has not only
made a failure, but he has made him-
self the laughing stock of a majority of
his own party in Congress by his "pop-
gun" tariff bills, which were reported
from his committee and passed by the
House at the last session. But that
was not plain to him, for he recently
announced himself as favoring the
Cleveland tariff programme—whatever
that may be—and was instrumental in
securing pledges from Democratic
members of the next House to vote for
the re-election of Speaker Crisp, which
he fondly hoped would give him a
"lead-pipe cinch" on the chairmanship
of the Ways and Means Committee
of the next House, a position which pro-
mises to give its holder much notoriety
if no actual fame, during the life of the
Fifty-third Congress.

When Speaker Crisp returned from
that much-talked-of conference with
the President-elect, with the Cleveland
trade-mark stamped all over him,
things began to get so slippery under
Mr. Springer's feet that he began to
wonder why some inventive genius had
never put political ice-creepers on the
market, and even while he was wildly
waving his arms in an attempt to keep
his balance both feet went out from
under him, and he saw it written
among the stars that his scalp had been
demanded by Mr. Cleveland and prom-
ised by Mr. Crisp, and then he fully
realized that the tariff bill to be pre-
pared—perhaps "approved" is the pro-
per word; it certainly will be if it turns
out to be true, as now reported, that
Mr. Cleveland will have that measure
prepared under his own personal super-
vision—by the Ways and Means Com-
mittee of the next House will not bear
the name of Springer.

Misfortunes never come singly.
While Springer was meditating on the
suddenness of his fall and the vanity
of ambition he was informed that the
man he hates above all others—Hon.
W. R. Morrison—had been endorsed by
the entire Illinois delegation, himself
excepted, for a seat in Mr. Cleveland's
cabinet. Now you know why Springer
is the maddest man in Congress. He
still wears a buttonhole button, but the
expansive smile which was erst-
while the most prominent feature of
his face has vanished, perhaps forever,
and he has the look of a man who is
working his nerves up to the point of
doing something desperate.

Senator Allison returned to Wash-
ington to-day. Needless to say that
he was warmly welcomed by his Sena-
torial colleagues and his friends, both
in and out of public life. He called
on the President at once and they had
an hour's talk about the deliberations
of the International monetary confer-
ence, to which Senator Allison was a
delegate. The Senator agrees with
Secretary Foster in believing that the
conference has accomplished some
good although failing of any practical
result. He declines to express an
opinion as to whether any sort of
agreement will be reached by the com-
mission when it reconvenes next May.

One Thousand Miles by Telephone.

Prominent among the great things of
the Nineteenth Century, says the Re-
view of Reviews, must be recorded the
successful operation of the long dis-
tance telephone line between New York
and Chicago. On October the 18th it
was practically demonstrated that
conversation could be carried on be-
tween these two points, nearly one thousand
miles apart, with as much ease as over local
lines. The line seems to have worked
satisfactorily from the very start. To
clear the wires, a single solo was
played in the transmitter at the New
York end. "Each note," says a writer
in the Electrical Review, "was dis-
tinctly heard by some forty persons at
the Chicago end, who were supplied
with receivers connected in circuit at a
central table and distributed around the
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DELAWARE'S LEGISLATURE.

THE NEW HOUSE ORGANIZED THIS WEEK.

Houston and Whiteman the Speakers-Druggist John H. Layton, of Sussex, for Clerk of the House, and W. A. C. Hardcastle of Smyrna, Clerk of the Senate-The Governor's Message.

The meeting of the Legislature at Dover this week was a truly eventful one in the annals of the Democratic party in this State. The attendance on organization night was larger than it had been for years, and great interest was manifested by the various candidates and their friends as to the outcome of the caucus.

It was evident from the start that New Castle would have the Speakership of the House, and Representative Whiteman was the choice. It was to be seen that the work of Willard Saulsbury, Jr., was telling, and in the result his hand was apparent. The caucus made the states just as they had been predicted, and they went through without much trouble. Senator Houston was chosen Speaker of the Senate, W. A. C. Hardcastle, of Smyrna, clerk, while Whiteman occupies the chair in the House, and John H. Layton of Sussex was made clerk.

Governor Reynolds presented his message to both branches of the Legislature on Tuesday. It is a very lengthy article in which many subjects of interest are touched upon. Prominent among them we find the following report of the State's finances:

"The report of the State treasurer is herewith submitted, which exhibits in detail the operations of his department. The most important feature therein is the reduction of the debt of the Junction & Breakwater Railroad to the State from \$400,000 to \$185,000, and the consequent reduction of our interest-bearing debt of \$215,000. Each reduction of our public debt results in a relief to the tax-payers, and the gratifying condition is reported of an excess of State assets over all State liabilities of \$347,092, as is shown by the following statement:

ASSETS.	
Investments, benefit of General Fund.	
1,570 shares of Farmers Bank stock at \$50 per share.	78,500.00
30 shares of National Bank of Delaware stock, at \$50 per share.	1,500.00
Mortgage on the Delaware & Breakwater Railroad Company at 3 per cent.	185,000.00
Mortgage on the Breakwater & Frankford Railroad Company at 3 per cent.	200,000.00
Mortgage on Troop B Armory at 3 per cent.	10,000.00
Total assets.	\$1,061,842.00
LIABILITIES.	
100 bonds, \$1,000 each, issued in 1892, payable Jan. 1, 1902, at 4 per cent interest.	100,000.00
20 bonds, \$1,000 each, issued in 1892, payable Jan. 1, 1902, at 3 per cent interest.	20,000.00
One bond, due school fund, issued in 1891, payable Jan. 1, 1902, at 4 per cent interest.	100,000.00
Certificate of indebtedness to Delaware College, at 5 per cent interest.	83,000.00
75 bonds, \$1,000 each, issued in 1891, payable July 1, 1901, at 4 per cent interest.	75,000.00
Total liabilities.	\$684,750.00
Credit from general fund.	47,100.00
Credit from school fund.	34,242.00
Total amount of credits, general and school fund.	\$81,342.00
Total amount of liabilities.	\$603,408.00
Assets exceeds liabilities.	\$347,092.00

The Governor then touches upon the question of constitutional amendments and offers some good suggestions in this line, and says:

"The recommendation which I had the honor to make in my last message, that the required school books should be supplied to the pupils free of cost, having met the approval of the Legislature, has been productive of the most gratifying results. From the superintendents of each of the counties is learned that the attendance of scholars, since the law went into operation, shows a marked increase, and at the same time the school fund which is derived chiefly from license fees, has increased in proportion with the expenditure necessary to furnish school books free—the dividend for 1890 being \$102,948.65, and for 1892, after deducting the cost of text books, being \$121,080.84.

The cost of free school books for the year ending August, 1892, was:

In New Castle County.	\$3,349.58
In Kent County.	6,378.98
In Sussex County.	10,326.72
Being a total for the State of.	\$20,055.28

As this was the first year, the amount necessary to put the law into practical operation was greatest, and it will be diminished in future years, so that a very small portion of this amount will be expended hereafter; but it is believed, in view of the beneficial operation of the law and of the popular benefit derived from this assistance to the poorer classes of our community, that every dollar so expended will receive the hearty approval of all good citizens.

"Upon examination of the auditor's report it will be found that at the close of the school year in June, 1892, the following amounts were in the hands of the clerks of the school districts in the several counties: In New Castle county, \$23,943.41; Kent county, \$10,952.79; Sussex county, \$16,837.26. Total amount of amounts in hands of school clerks, \$51,433.46.

"This statement would seem to show that the receipts for school purposes in many districts are in excess of the amount required for running the schools in such districts, and that the tax necessary to be levied as a condition upon which they receive their proportionate share of the school dividend is unnecessary. In view of these facts, I would recommend that the law be so amended as to reduce the amount of tax required to be levied by the school districts, and the people thus relieved of the unnecessary burden. The rapid growth of the school fund now so sufficient for all school purposes, and there will no longer be a necessity for any tax other than road,

NEW YORK FASHIONS.

LUCY CARTER'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE TRANSCRIPT'S DEPARTMENTS.

A Few Useful Pointers as to What Should Be Worn in Furs, Jewelry Etc.—Notes and Answers.

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Sharp weather, and also the fact that furs are now reduced greatly below fall prices, have produced much activity in the trade, because not a few persons wait until after New Year to purchase. Especially is this the case in regard to articles of recent introduction, since they are sure to be fashionable next season, while as all know, a first-class fur garment can be altered to suit occasion. Good fur, indeed, is like diamonds, a safe investment, and while peculiarly dressy, is economical, because so lasting.

THE JEWELRY.

"The requirements of this occasion constrain me to direct your earnest attention to another subject of very urgent importance.

"At the last legislative session a bill was introduced providing a retirement salary for the members of the State judiciary, who, having reached the age of 70 years, and having held their commissions for 10 years or more, shall retire from the bench. The object of this bill was to provide the means of immediate retirement for those who, owing to the infirmities of advanced age, shall be no longer able to bear the burden of arduous judicial labors. At this measure was passed by the Senate, yet it failed in the House because the gravity of the situation was not then fully realized.

"Since then, for more than a year past, the actual transaction of judicial business in each county has entirely depended upon two out of the four law judges of the State. The inability of either judge, by reason of illness or other casual disability, to attend his respective courts during this period, would have absolutely suspended the administration of justice throughout the State, and left its people without protection or redress by either criminal or civil proceeding. So great has been the anxiety concerning this grave situation, especially in New Castle county, that, more than six months ago, an organized effort was made to induce me to convene the General Assembly in extraordinary session to make suitable provision to meet so serious an emergency.

"If a similar bill, providing an adequate retirement salary for the aged and honored members of the bench, who have long devoted the best years and efforts of their lives to the able and faithful administration of justice in this State, shall promptly be enacted, it is believed that all which at present is really needed will be accomplished. That such a measure will generally be regarded as eminently just seems manifest. No other course seems so well adapted to the attainment of so desirable a result, and to the urgency of the existing situation.

"The only alternative alternative would be a resort to a constitutional amendment by the legislative mode, with a view to some change of our present judicial system. But the ratification of such an amendment by the requisite three-fourths of each branch of the next Legislature—of which there can now be no certainty—would require now at least two years; while the present emergency and the public safety demand an immediate remedy and will admit of no such delay."

Governor Reynolds also made mention of many other reforms, which he thought should have the consideration of the Legislature at this time.

Tour to Florida. The Pennsylvania Railroad Company announces its series of personally conducted tours to Florida for January 31, February 14 and 28, March 14 and 28. The party will travel by special train of Pullman sleeping and dining cars, and they will go through via the Atlantic Coast Line on fast schedule. The Tourist Agent and Chapmen will conduct each tour in both directions, except that passengers on last tour will return independently by regular trains, and all the details will be carried out in that superior style for which the trips have become celebrated.

Excursion tickets, including railway transportation, Pullman accommodations and meals en route in both directions, will be sold from all principal stations on the system. They will be good only on the special trains, or on regular trains to the nearest point of connection with the special trains, and will only be accepted for the return trip on the regular returning train of that tour except for the fifth tour returning, which will be good by regular trains. They will admit of a stay of two weeks in Florida, except in the case of the fifth tour, which has a longer return limit, tickets being good for return passage until May 30, 1893. For information detailing the tours application should be made to Mr. Geo. W. Boyd, A. G. P. A., Philadelphia.

Grief Killed Him. A young colored man named James Shockley, died at the Almshouse on Wednesday of pneumonia and melancholia. He had been sentenced to imprisonment in the New Castle jail for assault and battery, but from the time of his confinement he grieved so that he finally became so ill that he was removed to the county hospital, where he died on the very day his term of imprisonment expired. He was said to be a respectable and industrious young man, and had been employed as hostler at the Gibson House in Wilmington. His trouble grew out of a street fracas with another man last November.

Farm Sold. The farm at Hare's Corner, belonging to the estate of the late William Stoops, was sold on last Thursday to Henry Armstrong of Delaware City, for \$11,704. The farm contains 133 acres, and is considered one of the best in the county.

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SEAL SKIN

is closely rivalled by Persian lamb or mink, but genuine competition, can only come after, which though more expensive, pays in the end, as it wears a third longer. The high novelty of the season, is the cape mantle in seal, trimmed with wolverine, and the very full shoulder cape being removable, can be worn alone on mild days. The rage for short coats with the animal's head and claws attached will continue, and genuine mink now sells for \$5, a better quality for \$8, and the hand-somest for \$10. Hudson Bay sable coats are from \$10 to \$30.

JEWELRY.

This year, the usual assortment of novelties in jewelry is lacking, and the writer must chronicle rather a continuance of what has been found pleasing, than a presentation of new ideas. Earrings remain small, and usually so precious in character, that they are almost exclusively worn on dress occasions, diamonds or pearls taking the lead, with a small complement of rare stones surrounded by the first named gems. Bracelets are still slender, with central finish of jewels, not in rings having anything of note been recently introduced and the Marquise setting yet leads. As hitherto,

FANCY FINS

are in much variety as to design, this being readily accounted for by the fact that they chiefly simulate the innumerable company of flowers, contrast and still greater diversity ensuing from an imitation of insects or small reptiles, one reason for such choice being the unusual prominence of green in dress. Necklaces are in particular demand, from the slender gold chain worn by the debutante, to gems arranged in magnificent succession or occasionally to collars, where small jewels set close together form patterns, as for example, when a river of rubies is made to flow on a bed of pearls. A collar of this kind is made of sixteen hundred small stones. Pendants are very fashionable and the majority so devised as to be worn either as pendant or brooch. Small chateaus worn high on one side of the corsage, are most popular.

NOTES AND ANSWERS.

"Catherine L." A dress recently made in this city, will serve as a model. The material was green camel's hair that had been worn for two years.

It was turned, re-cut and trimmed in dashing style, by a band of crimson velvet headed by gilt around the bottom of the skirt. The sleeves were cuffs of camel's hair trimmed by gilt passementerie. Bands of gilt passementerie on the waist and outlining a crimson velvet front piece that reached from waist to shoulders, with deep curve in the centre. A soft velvet puffing around the short pointed basque. The general effect was so rich that the eye was diverted from comparatively plain material and the gown was not too gay for a tall, slender wearer of pale complexion. There is a furor for yellow, not only in dress, but in household decorations and especially floral designs.

"U. T." Box caps from twenty-two inches long, in seal or mink are comfortable for winter and appropriate in summer.

LUCY CARTER.

Back to Their Studies.

The school boys and girls, all over the country, are returning to their various seats of learning this week, after a happy holiday season. The Middletown schools reopened on Tuesday with a full corps of teachers and pupils. There are now six departments. The new building which was recently erected, has been furnished with new and modern desks and various other necessary appliances. Miss Lizzie Hall, who was elected teacher of this department, entered upon her new duties this week with about 40 "young ideas." The new department has long been needed, for rooms Nos. 4 and 5 have been so crowded as to make work difficult for both teachers and pupils. The division of the classes necessarily puts some from No. 4 back to No. 5, and doubtless many have the erroneous idea that those who have been "turned back" are lacking either in good scholarship or deportment, which is not the case. The present arrangement has been carefully made for a more uniform division of the classes, and those who go to No. 5 from No. 4, are still in the same grade as they were before. The classes being smaller, they will be able to receive better instructions and make more rapid advancement. Every department of the school gives evidence of thorough and conscientious work.

STRAWBRIDGE & CLOTHIER.

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The opening month of the New Year with us is a time of the greatest activity in every department.

THE GREAT JANUARY SALE

distributes, far and near, hundreds of thousands of dollars in seasonable Dry Goods, at prices that bear but little relation to actual values, or indeed, in many cases, even to the cost of the goods.

No safer investment can be found than staple Dry Goods at the prices at which they will be sold in our house during the present month, and the attention of buyers is directed to the opportunities now offered.

The goods which have been reduced to the lowest possible prices include:

- SILKS AND DRESS GOODS.
- HOSIERY AND UNDERWEAR.
- WOMEN'S OVERCOATS.
- HOUSEKEEPING LINEN GOODS.
- FURS AND SMALL FURS.
- MUSLINS AND SHEETINGS.
- BLANKETS AND QUILTS.
- CLOTHES AND FLANNELS.
- MUSLIN UNDERWEAR AND CORSETS.
- BOYS' CLOTHING.
- UPHOLSTERY AND CARPETS, &c., &c.

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and our people have reason to feel gratified with our school system, our teachers and our buildings.

A Rainy New Year's Day.

Those who like a nice rainy day, found Sunday—New Year's day—very much to their liking. The rain which came moderately early in the day, poured in torrents later, carrying away the snow, and for a time, spoiling the ice. The New Year services in the various churches were sparse, attended, as only a few of the faithful were brave enough to face the storm. "Twas a good time for meditation, and the amiable custom of making New Year resolutions was observed as usual. We've left the old year behind, but find ourselves much the same in the new. The unpleasant traits of mind and the many bodily weaknesses which we would gladly have lost with the old year, still cling to us, in spite of our "firm resolves." There's one good resolution which, doubtless, many made on Sunday, and that is "To do more and say less." The latter especially will commend itself to all. Idle words are among the devil's best tools.

Weddings of the Week.

A very pretty marriage was solemnized in the Chesapeake City Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, December 28. Miss Ada M. Hopper of that city was married to Dr. G. H. West, of Philadelphia. Rev. Mr. Perry, pastor of the church, performed the ceremony assisted by Rev. Samuel Polk, Miss Grace Chester, of Northampton, Mass., was maid of honor, and Miss Mary Taylor, of Philadelphia, and Miss Mitchell, of Aberdeen, Md., were bridesmaids. J. S. Hopper, brother of the bride, gave her away, and S. W. Heaton, of Philadelphia, was best man. After the ceremony a reception was given at the home of the bride's parents, which was largely attended by the many friends of the contracting parties.

Horticultural Society.

The sixth annual meeting of the Peninsula Horticultural Society will be held in Dover next week, January 10th, 11th and 12th. Prof. L. H. Bailey, of Cornell University, will make an address on "Pruning." Prof. B. T. Galloway, William Wait, H. E. Van Deman and others of the United States Department of Agriculture will be present, and the meeting promises to be one of unusual interest.

A Former Delawarean Dead.

Dr. Alexander Shaw, Chief of the Horticultural Department of the World's Fair, and a member of the World's Fair Board of Managers, died in Denver, Col., on Wednesday, Jan. 4. He was originally from Delaware, and was born in Camden, Oct. 13, 1816. He has been connected with the Horticultural display at all our great exhibitions, in which he had large experience.

Odessa Bank Election.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Odessa Bank on Monday, a dividend of 3 per cent. was declared, and the following directors elected for the ensuing year: J. N. Corbit, C. Watkins, H. N. Willis, J. K. Williams, Samuel Pennington, J. W. Corbit, J. T. Shalcross, J. W. Vandegrift and William Taylor.

A Narrow Escape.

Mr. J. E. Mulford, of Galena, narrowly escaped freezing on Tuesday night last week. He went to Quaker Neck after a load of oysters, and upon reaching home was found to be so nearly frozen that it was necessary to take him bodily from his wagon into his house. He has since been quite ill.

In the Orphan's Courts.

Francis H. Hoffecker, Esq., presented a petition to the Orphan's Court in session in Wilmington last Saturday morning, asking that Isaac Staats, of Blackbird hundred, be appointed guardian for his four minor children, who had recently inherited an estate from their grandfather. The petition was granted.

Silver Wedding.

Sheriff and Mrs. Gould will celebrate their silver wedding at the Sheriff's residence in New Castle on Monday evening. The Transcript extends congratulations and trusts that it may have the pleasure of recording their golden anniversary, a quarter of a century hence.

"YES, we are going to move to Cochran Block, opposite Mid-

dletown Hotel."

In the meantime we will reduce our stock of

HAND-MADE HARNESSES

Robes, Blankets, Whips, Buggies, Road Carts,

Etc. Come in and see our stock. 400 blankets already sold this year.

W. R. REYNOLDS

Only ONE Buffalo Robe left. The other two are sold.

THREATENING WEATHER.

Philad. Wilm. and Baltimore R. R.

Delaware Division.

On and after January 2d, 1893, trains will leave as follows.

	Exp.	Pass.	Exp.	Pass.	Exp.	Pass.
Pella	11:15	7:55	10:25	8:02	8:53	6:41
Laurel	11:20	8:00	10:30	8:10	9:00	6:46
Wilmington	11:25	8:05	10:35	8:18	9:05	6:51
Georgetown	11:30	8:10	10:40	8:25	9:10	6:56
Camden	11:35	8:15	10:45	8:30	9:15	7:01
Porter	11:40	8:20	10:50	8:35	9:20	7:06
Georgetown	11:45	8:25	10:55	8:40	9:25	7:11
Camden	11:50	8:30	11:00	8:45	9:30	7:16
Porter	11:55	8:35	11:05	8:50	9:35	7:21
Georgetown	12:00	8:40	11:10	8:55	9:40	7:26
Camden	12:05	8:45	11:15	9:00	9:45	7:31
Porter	12:10	8:50	11:20	9:05	9:50	7:36
Georgetown	12:15	8:55	11:25	9:10	9:55	7:41
Camden	12:20	9:00	11:30	9:15	10:00	7:46
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Georgetown	12:30	9:10	11:40	9:25	10:10	7:56
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